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SUBJ: CONSULTATION WITH CANADIANS ON YEAR OF EUROPE

1. AT CANADIAN REQUEST, ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL ON OCTOBER 3 BRIEFED AMBASSADOR CADIEUX ON SEPTEMBER 29 SESSION IN NEW YORK WITH EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON DRAFT EC DECLARATION. STOESSEL EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE US SEES DEFICIENCIES IN EC DRAFT, WE HAD DECIDED TO USE IT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND HAD PUT FORTH SOME SUGGESTED CHANGES (COPY OF US TEXT REVISION WAS GIVEN TO CADIEUX). WHILE NOTING THAT WE APPRECIATED THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF FACT THAT EC HAD BEEN ABLE TO PREPARE SUCH AN AGREED TEXT, STOESSEL SAID THAT WE HAD FELT EXCLUDED FROM THE PREPARATORY PROCESS THIS SUMMER AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE AT NY SESSION THAT IN THE FUTURE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DURING PREPARATORY PROCESS.

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2. IN HIGHLIGHTING US COMMENTS ON EC DRAFT, STOESSEL STRESSED OUR GENERAL VIEW THAT DOCUMENT WAS UNBALANCED AND THAT TRANS-ATLANTIC TIES NEEDED GREATER WEIGHT, AS WELL AS THE CONCEPT OF INTERDEPENDENCE. WE NOTED THAT EC DRAFT

REFERRED ONLY TO THE CSCE AND FAILED TO MENTION OTHER IMPORTANT ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS MBFR. STOESSEL EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD MADE SOME COMMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATION ON ECONOMIC MOVES WITH A VIEW TO AVOIDING SURPRISES.

3. IN PORTRAYING THE REACTION OF THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO US COMMENTS, STOESSEL SAID THAT THEY WERE RECEPTIVE TO THE US COMMENTS AND THAT WE THOUGHT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN NY SESSION. HE NOTED THAT SOME HAD BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT OUR EMPHASIS ON INTERDEPENDENCE.

BOTH THE FRENCH AND IRISH HAD NOTED THEIR OBJECTIONS TO ANY REFERENCE TO MBFR IN THE EC DRAFT. STOESSEL REPORTED THAT THE EUROPEANS WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF WE HAD ANY SPECIFIC IDEAS CONCERNING OUR SUGGESTION ABOUT ADVANCE CONSULTATION ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. STOESSEL VOLUNTEERED THAT, IN PRIVATE REMARKS, SEVERAL HAD QUESTIONED THE FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING CANADA DIRECTLY IN US-EC DRAFT.

4. LOOKING TO THE NEXT STEPS, STOESSEL NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH EUROPEANS AND THAT HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGAIN IN COPENHAGEN ON OCTOBER 18. WE HOPE AFTER THAT TO HAVE A BETTER VIEW OF THE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE DECLARATION AND OF PROSPECTS FOR NATO DECLARATION. BY MID-OCTOBER, WE SHOULD HAVE A CLEARER VIEW AS TO TIMING OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO EUROPE.

5. CADIEUX EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE US BRIEFING. NOTING THAT THE JAPANESE HAD PROVIDED THE CANADIANS WITH A DRAFT JAPANESE TEXT, HE ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF PRESENT US THINKING ABOUT JAPAN'S ASSOCIATION WITH THIS EXERCISE. STOESSEL NOTED THAT WE ARE KEEPING THE JAPANESE GENERALLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ARE DESIROUS OF HAVING THEM ASSOCIATED WITH EFFORT IN SOME SECRET

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WAY. HOWEVER, OUR PRIME EFFORTS HAVE BEEN TO WORK OUT A NAO TEXT AND TO DEAL WITH THE EC DRAFT TEXT WHILE KEEPING THE NEED FOR JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FULLY IN MIND.

6. IN CONCLUSION, AMBASSADOR CADIEUX SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE SUBSTANCE OF STOESSEL'S BRIEFING TO OTTAWA AND HOPED TO GET SOME GUIDANCE AS TO CANADIAN VIEWS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE COULD SEE THREE ALTERNATIVES: VIZ. (1) A SEPARATE CANADIAN-EC DECLARATION (2) ASSOCIATION OF CANADA WITH THE PRESENT EC-US DECLARATION OR (3) A POSSIBLE US-CANADIAN-JAPANESE DECLARATION. HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED OF CANADIAN THINKING. KISSINGER

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